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SEPTEMBER 2014

Sept 4 **Resource Fair – Chinese Information Services,** 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Come out and gather information from over 20 health, fitness and wellness providers. Have your blood pressure checked, and enjoy free seminars on health and wellness. Information will be provided in Chinese Mandarin and English. Sponsored by Chinese Information Services and co-sponsored by Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free admission. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Darrion Spratley at dspratley@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7681.

Sept 5 **Swimming Salmon (Children's Activity),** two sessions, choose one
11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Fall is the time for salmon to run! Learn about the journey that salmon take every fall. We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, activity codes 86683 and 86684. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Sept 6 **Lewis Creek Park Ranger Hike,** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Sept 6 **Lake Hills Blueberry Festival and Open House,** 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Lake Hills Elementary School. 14300 SE 12th Street
Celebrate "Back to School" and our area's rich blueberry harvest! This event is sponsored by Wrap-Around Services and numerous community partners to help bring the Lake Hills neighborhood, Lake Hills Elementary School and the broader community together. Activities include face painting, arts and crafts, tours of Jubilee REACH Center and opportunities to meet with local service providers and shop with local vendors down Blueberry Lane, where blueberry pies will be available for purchase. Students and families will be able to meet with Lake Hills Elementary teachers from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Jeannie Anderson – janderson@bellevuewa.gov or 425-456-5312.

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Sept 6 **Hot Topics in Washington State: 50 Years of Wilderness!,** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
On September 3, 1964 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Wilderness Act. Today, over 109 million acres are protected under this act. Join us at Lewis Creek as we celebrate 50 years of protected wilderness! Learn about the Wilderness Act, wilderness areas, how you can help protect and preserve wilderness, as well as the natural areas in Bellevue. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Sept 6 **Nature Scavenger Hunt,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Come explore Lake Hills Greenbelt and learn about what you can find along the trails during this interactive scavenger hunt. You may be surprised about what you find if you look really closely! Please dress for the weather. **Ages:** All ages; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, course 86609.

Sept 7 **"Salmon: Running the Gauntlet" (Movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn about the collapsing Pacific salmon populations and the extreme measures that biologists and engineers have taken to save them. Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Sept 9 **Active Seniors Geocaching 101,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This free event will send you on a treasure hunt right outside your door. This is a great way for seniors to get outside and be part of a larger community adventure. Geocaches are small containers with a variety of fun surprises inside. We will show you how to use the GPS coordinates or a smartphone app to find them! We'll get you set up, show you how to engage with a growing community of geocachers and find your first cache. An endless world of exploration, puzzle solving and discovery awaits! Dress to head outdoors on your search. If you have a smartphone or GPS, bring it with you. You can even download a geocaching app beforehand. Presented with the Washington State Geocaching Alliance. . **Ages:** 50 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP to jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov . **Info:** jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov; also www.geocaching.com .

Sept 9 **Sound of Swing Dance,** 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The "Sound of Swing" will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** $3, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Darrion Spratley at dspratley@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7681.

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Sept 9 **Computer Hardware Repair,** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Are you having computer troubles? Bring in your PC for help. Provided by Komputer Enthusiasts of Greater Seattle. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Darrion Spratley at dspratley@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7681.

Sept 10 **"One Big Hapa Family" (Film Screening)** - 7 p.m.
The Carlson Theater at Bellevue College, 3000 Landerholm Circle SE
Half Japanese-Canadian filmmaker, Jeff Chiba Stearns, embarks on a journey of self-discovery to find out why everyone in his Japanese-Canadian family married interracially after his grandparents' generation. This live action/animated documentary explores why almost 100% of all Japanese-Canadians are marrying interracially, the highest out of any other ethnicity in Canada, and how their mixed children perceive their unique multiracial identities. There will be a Q&A with filmmaker Jeff Chiba Stearns following the screening. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** This event is free, but reservations are strongly recommended. **RSVP** to Kevin Henry at khenry@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7886. For more information about the film, visit the film's web site at www.onebighapafamily.com .

Sept 13 **What's It Take to Be a Kokanee?",** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Lake Sammamish is home to a treasure: Kokanee salmon! Late every fall they swim up to the lower reaches of Lewis Creek to lay their eggs. Learn about what makes these fish so special, and what we can do to protect them. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Sept 14 **"Wild Kratts: Bass Class" (Children's Movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join the adventures of the Kratt brothers as they meet up with cool creatures from around the world. Each episode is an adventure that also features how animals use science in their natural lives. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Sept 14 **Ranger Program: Salmon and Forests,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Salmon have always been one of the most important fish in the Pacific Northwest. Learn more about these amazing fish, and discover how a successful salmon run can help support an entire forest population! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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Sept 16 **Senior Hiking Series – Tuesday Trails,** 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Hike to Gold Creek Pond – Easy hike (wheelchair accessible)
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 NE Bel-Red Road
This easy hiking series is designed for active seniors looking to explore the beautiful trails around Bellevue. Every other Tuesday, between September 16 and November 5, we'll meet at Highland Community Center and ride to a trailhead in the Issaquah Alps, Cascades or other scenic areas nearby. Hikes will be generally less than three miles and specifically chosen for the over-50 crowd. Look forward to guest leaders on topics from birding to local history. Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and water. **Ages:** 50 years and older. **Cost:** $5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Jenna Walenga at jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883, activity code 86927.

Sept 17 **Farm Hands – Welcome to the Farm,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Farm Hands is designed for school-aged kids with early release Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We'll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 8 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #81672. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Sept 17 **Natural Yard Care Class,** 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street
Every fall, Bellevue offers free natural yard care workshops. At each class, local experts share practical tips and how-to's for home gardeners who want to go natural. Class is held every Wednesday, September 17-October 8. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** Patricia Burgess at pburgess@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4127.

Sept 18 **For Best Results, Plan Your Spring Vegetable Garden Now!,**
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class, taught with Seattle Tilth, will teach you everything you need to know to plan your vegetable garden for next spring – from soil preparation and the best locations for edibles, to the types of vegetables that thrive in our climate and when to plant what. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members - $25; non-BBGS people - $35. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

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Sept 19-21 **The EZ Rocks – Skate for the Cure and 20-Year Skate Park Anniversary,**
Bellevue Skate Park and Plaza, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Skate for the Cure is a three-day PRO/AM Mega Ramp and street skateboarding event, benefitting the Zakes Foundation (to help raise awareness of adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) and fund newborn ALD screening) and celebrating the Bellevue Skate Park's 20-year anniversary. Skate for the Cure is the first of its kind Mega Ramp competition in the Northwest and will host many of the world's top skateboarders, including Mitchie Brusco, PLG, Sky Siljig, Jake Brown, Tom Schaar, Trey Wood, Jagger Eaton and Elliot Sloan. Skate for the Cure includes a $50,000 purse spread over the following events: the first-ever Mega Ramp Highest Air and Mega Lip-Trick Contests, Amateur Street Contest, Girls' Street Competition, All Ages Street Competition, Tricks for Cash Event. Other activities include free skate clinics at the indoor skate park, a VIP event, pro autographs and photo opportunities, live music, food trucks, carnival games, silent auction and prize giveaways! **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Tickets are $10-$75. Proceeds will benefit Adrenoleukodystroophy (ALD) Newborn Screening.
Tickets and registration: http://www.ezrocks.org/

Sept 20 **Bellevue Aquatic Center Grand Re-Opening,** 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Celebrate the re-opening of the BAC after its four-week annual maintenance closure. Come for free swimming, Parent-Tot class (for parents and children up to 3 years old), raffles and therapist booths..
Event Schedule:
Warm Springs Pool –
8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Therapy rehab
10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Parent-Tot swim lesson class
10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – Open swim and therapy
Blue Lagoon Pool –
8 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Lap swim
11 a.m. to noon – Deep water exercise class and lap swim
Noon to 2:30 p.m. – Open and lap swim
Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required.
Info: 425-452-2806.

Sept 20 **Coal Creek Park Hike,** 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. **Distance:** 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Sept 20 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

Sept 21 **Kokanee (Living with Wildlife Program),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that Lake Sammamish is home to a special population of salmon? Kokanee spend their lives land-locked in the lake, migrating up the surrounding creeks, including Lewis Creek, in the late fall. Learn about the threats to this species and how you can help them to thrive. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Sept 24 **Natural Yard Care Class,** 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street
Every fall, Bellevue offers free natural yard care workshops. At each class, local experts share practical tips and how-to's for home gardeners who want to go natural. Class is held every Wednesday, September 17-October 8. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** Patricia Burgess at pburgess@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4127.

Sept 25 **Ferns for All Seasons,** 10 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
If you are not a fan of ferns, Sue Olsen's class will convert you! Sue has been studying, photographing and writing about ferns for more than 40 years. Her nursery, Foliage Gardens, has introduced numerous ferns to horticulture. She is a founding member of the Hardy Fern Foundation and author of *Encyclopedia of Garden Ferns*. After her presentation, she will lead a tour of the Garden's Rhododendron Glen. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members - $25; non-BBGS members - $35. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

Sept 25 **Animal Enrichment – Chicken Pickins',** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This NEW program is for 8-10 year-olds on early release Wednesdays. Help Farmer Jayne create opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think and which activities animals need to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. **Ages:** 8 to 10 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688 to register for course 86953. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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Sept 26 **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Salmon: Running the Gauntlet,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The annual run of tens of millions of salmon in the Northwest is one of the most productive fisheries on the planet. Discover their role in the ecosystem and why their decline is forcing new conservations efforts. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Sept 26 **Night Hike,** 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a Ranger on a hike through the woods after dark. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course #86692. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Sept 27 **Superheroes Training Academy,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Look up in the air… It's a bird, it's a plane… No, it's a SUPERHERO! Join fellow superheroes for a morning of superhero training and costume building. We will share stories and a snack in this fun, adventure-packed day. **Ages:** 3-5 years old. **Cost:** $30/resident and $36/non-resident. Additional child cost is $6/resident and $7/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, activity code 86430.

Sept 28 **Ranger Program: Salmon and Forests,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Salmon have always been one of the most important fish in the Pacific Northwest. Learn more about these amazing fish, and discover how a successful salmon run can help support an entire forest population! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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Sept 30 **Senior Hiking Series – Tuesday Trails,** 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Hike to Kachess Lake – Easy hike (wheelchair accessible)
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 NE Bel-Red Road
This easy hiking series is designed for active seniors looking to explore the beautiful trails around Bellevue. Every other Tuesday, between September 16 and November 5, we'll meet at Highland Community Center and ride to a trailhead in the Issaquah Alps, Cascades or other scenic areas nearby. Hikes will be generally less than three miles and specifically chosen for the over-50 crowd. Look forward to guest leaders on topics from birding to local history. Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and water. **Ages:** 50 years and older. **Cost:** $5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Jenna Walenga at jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883, activity code 86928.

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Oct 1 **Natural Yard Care Class,** 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street
Every fall, Bellevue offers free natural yard care workshops. At each class, local experts share practical tips and how-to's for home gardeners who want to go natural. Class is held every Wednesday, September 17-October 8. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** Patricia Burgess at pburgess@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4127.

Oct 3 **Creepy Crawlies (Children's Activity)**, two sessions – choose one
11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Where do bugs live? Find out and go along as a brave slug attempts to climb a hill. We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, activity code 86685 or 86686. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Oct 4 **The Great Northwest Glass Pumpkin Patch**, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Wander through a pumpkin patch of 2,000 hand-blown, one-of-a-kind glass pumpkins made by the artists at the Tacoma Glassblowing Studio. Pick your favorite to bring home, or just come and see the beautiful hand-crafted art! Rain or shine. **Ages:** All ages; children must be supervised by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; prices vary for pumpkins, ranging from $35 to $200. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Oct 4 **Geocaching 101: Family Adventure,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
A fun adventure for the whole family, this free event will send you on a treasure hunt right outside your door. There are hundreds of geocaches hidden throughout Bellevue, and this course will give you the tools to start finding them. Geocaches are small containers with a variety of fun surprises inside. We will show you how to use the GPS coordinates or a smartphone app to find them! Also, learn how to engage with a growing community of geocachers and find your first cache. An endless world of exploration, puzzle solving and discovery awaits! Dress to head outdoors on your search. If you have a smartphone or GPS, bring it with you. You can even download a geocaching app beforehand. Presented with the Washington State Geocaching Alliance. **Ages:** All ages, family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP to jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov . **Info:** jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov; also www.geocaching.com .

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Oct 4 **Edible Perennials, Part 1,** 10 a.m. to noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class is the first of a two-part series, taught by Jessi Bloom. Jessi is the owner of NW Bloom, which has won numerous awards from northwest professional gardening organizations. This class will illustrate which perennials are edible and how to grow them. The second class, on October 11 at 21 Acres Kitchen in Woodinville, will demonstrate how to cook them in featured recipes. You may take Part 1 as a standalone class; however, you must take Part 1 in order to take Part 2. **Cost:** For October 4th class only - Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members - $25; non-BBGS people - $35. For both classes is $70 for BBGS members and $80 for non-members. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

Oct 4 **Lewis Creek Park Ranger Hike,** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Oct 5 **"Life: Primates" (Nature Movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Primates are a particularly interesting order in the animal family, occurring in many different environments, from apes to lemurs. Primates are stunning examples of ingenuity and adaptation. Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Oct 8 **Natural Yard Care Class,** 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street
Every fall, Bellevue offers free natural yard care workshops. At each class, local experts share practical tips and how-to's for home gardeners who want to go natural. Class is held every Wednesday, September 17-October 8. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** Patricia Burgess at pburgess@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4127.

Oct 10 **Woof Walks in Nature,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Meet at Robinswood Park, 2430 148th Avenue SE, near the dog off-leash corral kiosk).
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue City Parks. Bring your dog and learn how you can both help the City steward these valuable lands. Please dress for the weather. We encourage families to attend. Dogs must be on a leash. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.

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Oct 11 **Volunteer for Kelsey Creek Farm's Special Event,** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
We are seeking energetic, fun teens to assist with children's activities at Kelsey Creek Farm's special event. Volunteers must be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds and be on your feet in all types of weather. This is a great way to earn your community service hours. Dress to work outside with the public. Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet. **Ages:** 14-18 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 77868.

Oct 11 **Kelsey Creek Farm Fair,** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Bring your family to the farm and enjoy a variety of old-time activities: live entertainment, heritage demonstrations, kids' crafts, tractor-pulled hay rides, and barnyard animals. No pets, please. **Ages:** Family event; all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; cost varies by activity. Sorry, no ATM will be on site, and we cannot accept charge cards. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Oct 11 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This program is part of the annual Kelsey Creek Farm Fair event. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

Oct 11 **Edible Perennials, Part 2,** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
21 Acres Kitchen, 13701 NE 171st Street, Woodinville, WA 98072
This class is the second of a two-part series. You must take Part 1 (Oct.4) in order to take Part 2. 21 Acres Kitchen staff will demonstrate how to cook edible perennials in featured recipes. Lunch is included! **Cost:** For both classes - Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members - $70; non-BBGS people - $80. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

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Oct 11 **Native Americans' Use of Plants - Ethnobotany,** 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
With the outdoor environment as your marketplace, how might you use the plants to support your daily needs? Discover answers to this question as you join Barb Williams, Eastside Heritage Center volunteer, to learn how our local Native Americans – our first scientists – developed a creative plant technology for survival. This fascinating program will include a talk, native plant ID, stories, artifacts and an outdoor walk (weather permitting). Please dress accordingly. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, course 86980.

Oct 12 **Ranger Program: Northwest Owls,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Do you know who takes flight in the night? Learn more about three resident owl species that make the Mercer Slough their home. Also, learn how to spot these birds at night, and what to do if you find yourself in "owl territory!" **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Oct 14 **Senior Hiking Series – Tuesday Trails,** 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Hike to Franklin Falls – Moderate hike (semi-rocky or hilly trail)
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 NE Bel-Red Road
This easy hiking series is designed for active seniors looking to explore the beautiful trails around Bellevue. Every other Tuesday, between September 16 and November 5, we'll meet at Highland Community Center and ride to a trailhead in the Issaquah Alps, Cascades or other scenic areas nearby. Hikes will be generally less than three miles and specifically chosen for the over-50 crowd. Look forward to guest leaders on topics from birding to local history. Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and water. **Ages:** 50 years and older. **Cost:** $5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Jenna Walenga at jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883, activity code 86929.

Oct 14 **Sound of Swing Halloween Dance,** 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The "Sound of Swing" will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** $3, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Darrion Spratley at dspratley@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7681.

Oct 14 **Computer Hardware Repair,** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Are you having computer troubles? Bring in your PC for help. Provided by Komputer Enthusiasts of Greater Seattle. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Darrion Spratley at dspratley@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7681.

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Oct 15 **Farm Hands – Happy Halloween, Goats!**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Farm Hands is designed for school-aged kids with early release Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We'll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 8 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #81673. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Oct 18 **Lewis Creek to Lakemont Community Park Hike,** 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This lovely trail winds through green corridors to connect two of Bellevue's most beautiful parks. **Distance:** 4.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Arduous (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Oct 19 **"Growing Up Wild: Frontier Friends" (Children's Movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
"Growing Up Wild" gives fun and entertaining insight into the animal kingdom. In this episode find out all about buffalo, marmots and mountain goats! Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Oct 19 **Ranger Program: Northwest Owls,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Do you know who takes flight in the night? Learn more about three resident owl species that make the Mercer Slough their home. Also, learn how to spot these birds at night, and what to do if you find yourself in "owl territory!" **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Oct 22 **Animal Enrichment – Pig Piñata,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This NEW program is for 8-10 year-olds on early release Wednesdays. Help Farmer Jayne create opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think and which activities animals need to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. **Ages:** 8 to 10 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688 to register for course 86954. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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Oct 22 **Collecting Seeds and Plants in the Mountains of Northern Vietnam,** 7 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street
Bleddyn and Sue Wynn-Jones, of Crug Farms Nursery in Wales, will lead this class. **Cost:** $5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; non-BBGS people - $15. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

Oct 24-Nov 2 **"The Phantom Tollbooth" (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
October 24, 25, 26 and November 1 at 7 p.m.;
October 25, 26, and November 1 and 2 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Laugh at the clever puns brought to you by Norton Juster's wonderful characters as we try to restore Right and Reason to the land. This show is suitable for people of all ages who enjoy a simple message hidden in a silly story. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** $10/advance tickets or $12 if purchased after October 17. Tickets will be available in late September. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

Oct 24 **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Murder of Crows,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Although cultures around the world may regard the crow as a scavenger, bad omen, or simply a nuisance, this bad reputation might overshadow what could be regarded as the crow's most striking characteristic – its intelligence. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Oct 24 **Halloween Howl Dance (For Youth and Adults with Intellectual Disabilities),** 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Come and dress in your favorite costume to dance, listen to good music and have a light meal. We'll provide hot dogs, chips and soda. This dance is for youth and adults with intellectual disabilities. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** $9/Bellevue resident; $11/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7686.

Oct 24 **Owl Prowl,** 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover what owl species live in the Pacific Northwest. Then take a night hike with a Ranger to listen for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $5/resident and $6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: 425-452-6885, activity code 86694. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Oct 24, 25, 26 and 31 **SpookFest Zip Tour**, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (every half hour)
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Experience one suspension bridge and three zip lines in the dark! Imagine stepping off a platform and zipping to the other end that you cannot see. This Zip Tour will last approximately 75 minutes. Riders and platforms will be brightened with glow sticks. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** $24 for ages 16-18; $39 for adults. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-4240; zip tours leave every half hour from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

Oct 25 **SpookFest Pumpkin Festival**, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Love Halloween? Don't miss this new event as part of South Bellevue Community Center's SpookFest weekend. There will be carnival games, arts and crafts to make and buy, treats and a marketplace to buy Halloween goodies! Loads of Halloween fun for all ages! **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free admission; costs will vary for some activities. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

Oct 25 **Great SBCC Pumpkin Race**, 10 a.m. – noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Bring your decorated pumpkin complete with wheels to compete in the Fourth Annual Great SBCC Pumpkin Race, a part of our SpookFest line-up of events. Upon registration, you'll receive basic directions to prepare your pumpkin for race day. We encourage individuals, families and groups to register! **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! $18 for supplies if you need wheels. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-4240, activity code 87027. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

Oct 25 **Pumpkin Pals**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Spend a fun-filled morning pondering the perfect pumpkin! Art, music, a yummy snack and a pumpkin relay race are some of the happy activities planned for the morning. This is a caregiver and child class. **Ages:** 2 to5 years old. **Cost:** $20/residents and $25/non-residents. Additional child - $5/resident and $6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, course #85525.

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Oct 25 **How to Create a Self-Maintained Garden Based on Natural Ecosystems,** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street
This class is taught with Seattle Tilth. Permaculture, an increasingly popular gardening style, reduces ongoing garden maintenance by mimicking natural environmental zones to increase the abundance and resilience of plants. An expert from Seattle Tilth will provide practical information to help you plan an herbal spiral for your garden. **Cost:** $35 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; non-BBGS people - $45. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

Oct 25 **All About Owls,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Discover the owls that call Bellevue home! What do they eat, where do they nest, and how to they protect their young? Delve deeper into what they eat by dissecting an owl pellet – what is an owl pellet, you ask? Join us to find out! **Ages:** All ages; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, course 86610.

Oct 25 **Colorful Fall: Why Do the Leaves Change?,** 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Every fall a beautiful, mysterious event occurs. The trees become brilliant shades of red, yellow, orange and brown. Why does this change happen? Learn what makes deciduous trees lose their leaves, and why it is beneficial. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Oct 26 **Bats (Living with Wildlife Series),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Washington is home to 15 species of bats! Every fall these bats find a place to hibernate, hopefully avoiding human structures in their search. Find out what species live in Bellevue and how you can prevent your home from becoming a bat cave. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Oct 28 **Senior Hiking Series – Tuesday Trails,** 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Iron Horse Trail Tunnel – Easy hike (wheelchair accessible)
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 NE Bel-Red Road
This easy hiking series is designed for active seniors looking to explore the beautiful trails around Bellevue. Every other Tuesday, between September 16 and November 5, we'll meet at Highland Community Center and ride to a trailhead in the Issaquah Alps, Cascades or other scenic areas nearby. Hikes will be generally less than three miles and specifically chosen for the over-50 crowd. Look forward to guest leaders on topics from birding to local history. Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and water. **Ages:** 50 years and older. **Cost:** $5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Jenna Walenga at jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883, activity code 86930.

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Oct 29 **Halloween Luncheon,** 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Come out and enjoy a great lunch while wearing your favorite Halloween outfit. Enjoy a great meal and fun music. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** $3 for people 60 years and older; $6 for all others. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Darrion Spratley at dspratley@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7681.

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Nov 1 **Lewis Creek Park Ranger Hike,** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 2 **"North America: Learn Young or Die" (Nature Movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
"North America" is a Discovery Channel series featuring amazing cinematography to explore our own backyard and all of the marvels it holds. Survival is a daily battle on this continent; learn about the struggles of creatures living in extreme conditions. **This film contains a predation scene that may be inappropriate for younger viewers.** Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 2 **Leaving No Trace: Proper Trail Etiquette,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Learn the basics of the Leave No Trace principles. Find out what you can do to ensure that those who visit nature after you will never even know you were there before them. **Ages:** 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, activity code 86752. **Info:** 425-452-2565.

Nov 4 **Senior Hiking Series – Tuesday Trails,** 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Hike Mount Park – More difficult hike (includes moderate elevation gain)
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 NE Bel-Red Road
This easy hiking series is designed for active seniors looking to explore the beautiful trails around Bellevue. Every other Tuesday, between September 16 and November 5, we'll meet at Highland Community Center and ride to a trailhead in the Issaquah Alps, Cascades or other scenic areas nearby. Hikes will be generally less than three miles and specifically chosen for the over-50 crowd. Look forward to guest leaders on topics from birding to local history. Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and water. **Ages:** 50 years and older. **Cost:** $5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Jenna Walenga at jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883, activity code 86930.

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Nov 5 **Farm Hands – Cows, Butter and a Log Cabin**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Farm Hands is designed for school-aged kids with early release Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We'll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 8 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #81674. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Nov 7 **Whoo! Whoo! (Children's Activity),** two sessions; choose one -
11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Harvest moons and owl moons! When all the leaves are gone, it is easier to spot owls. Learn about the habits of our feathered friends. We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, activity code 86687 and 86688. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 7-16 **"Peter Rabbit & Friends" (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
November 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 7 p.m.;
November 9, 15 and 16 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Enjoy the charming adventures of Peter Rabbit and his friends as they try to stay out of mischief. **Ages:** Suitable for all ages. **Cost:** $10/advance tickets or $12 if purchased after October 31. Tickets will be available in late September. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

Nov 8 **Green Is Not Always Better – Let's Talk about Ivy!,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
It sneaks in everywhere, creeping into your yard, on our buildings and in our parks… and it doesn't belong here. Although it may have the appearance of belonging and adding green to our landscape, it can take down a tall big leag maple, damage buildings and provide the perfect home for rats! Learn about what you can do on your own property, how the City manages it, and how you can hep out the natural areas you live near. **Ages:** All ages; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, course 86980.

Nov 8 **The Food Chain (Family Activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
All living things depend on each other to survive. Who do you depend on? Learn about the web of life as you create your very own food chain model to take home! **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, activity code 86695. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Nov 9 **"Wild Kratts: Build It Beaver" (Children's Movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join the adventures of the Kratt brothers as they meet up with cool creatures from around the world. Each episode is an adventure that also features how animals use science in their natural lives. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 15 **Visions of Sugarplums**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Jelly bellies, gumdrops and peppermint FUN! Join us for a sweet beginning to the holiday season by making a mini gingerbread house, singing songs, dancing and eating yummies for your tummies! Dress in your party clothes for happy holiday wholesome fun. This is a child and caregiver class. **Ages:** 2 to5 years old. **Cost:** $20/residents and $25/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course #85524. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Nov 15 **Coal Creek Park Hike,** 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. **Distance:** 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 16 **Bellevue's Colorful History (Eastside Heritage Center Program),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Take a stroll through history with the fascinating tale of how Bellevue has changed through time. This program is presented in cooperation between the City of Bellevue and the Eastside Heritage Center. **Ages:** This is an Adult Enrichment Program, but we welcome families. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Nov 19 **Thanksgiving Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us as we serve you a delicious Thanksgiving feast. Entertainment will be provided. Please pre-register by November 10. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** $3 for people 60 years and older; $6 for all others. **Pre-registration:** Required by November 10. **Info and to register:** Darrion Spratley at dspratley@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7681.

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Nov 19 **Animal Enrichment – Pony Enhancement,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This NEW program is for 8-10 year-olds on early release Wednesdays. Help Farmer Jayne create opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think and which activities animals need to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. **Ages:** 8 to 10 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688 to register for course 86955. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Nov 21 **Movies at Mercer Slough: "My Life as a Turkey,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
"My Life as a Turkey" is one man's remarkable experience of raising a group of wild turkey hatchlings to adulthood. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP requested. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

Nov 21 **Night Hike,** 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a Ranger on a hike through the woods after dark. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #86696. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 23 **Fungus Among Us,** 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Fall is a wonderful time to look for fungus! Join an instructor from the Puget Sound Mycological Society for a fungus hunt to look for and identify the many varieties that call Lewis Creek home in the wet fall months. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #86704. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 27 **Free Thanksgiving Day Indoor Cycle Class,** Three start times - 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Burn 600+ calories before your feast! Each class lasts one hour. Class is free, with a donation of a Target or Fred Meyer gift card. Gift cards will be used to purchase socks and underwear for disadvantaged kids in the Boys & Girls Club program at SBCC. Bring water and a towel. Pedals are SPD compatible, or wear sneakers. We welcome all fitness levels! **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** FREE with donation listed above. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Joan Perugini at jperugini@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

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Nov 28-30 **"Babes in Toyland" (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
November 28 and 29 at 7 p.m.;
November 29 and 30 at 2 p.m.
Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street
Come and join us on the journey to Magical Toyland! Singing, dancing, action and adventure await as all as all your favorite Mother Goose characters come together to stop an evil plot. **Ages:** Suitable for all ages. **Cost:** $12/advance tickets or $14 if purchased after November 21. Tickets will be available in late September. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

Nov 29 – Jan 3 **Garden d'Lights,** 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., every evening
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This annual holiday season tradition features thousands of tiny twinkling lights that transform Bellevue Botanical Garden into a winter wonderland. Be sure to join us this year, and bring your family, friends and out-of-town guests to see the new Visitor Center and new Garden d'Lights route. **Cost:** $5; children 10 and under are free. **For driving, parking and ticket information:** http://www.gardendlights.org/

Nov 28-30 **Babes in Toyland (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
November 28 and 29 at 7 p.m.;
November 29 and 30 at 2 p.m.
Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street
Come and join us on the journey to magical Toyland! Singing, dancing, action and adventure await as all your favorite Mother Goose characters come together to stop an evil plot. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** $12-$14, reserved seating. Tickets will be available in late September. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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Nov 29 – Jan 3 **Garden d'Lights,** 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., every evening
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This annual holiday season tradition features thousands of tiny twinkling lights that transform Bellevue Botanical Garden into a winter wonderland. Be sure to join us this year, and bring your family, friends and out-of-town guests to see the new Visitor Center and new Garden d'Lights route. **Cost:** $5; children 10 and under are free. **For driving, parking and ticket information:** http://www.gardendlights.org/

Dec 3 **Farm Hands – Happy Holidays to All,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Farm Hands is designed for school-aged kids with early release Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We'll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 8 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #81675. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Dec 4-6 **Hilltop Holiday Craft Show,**
December 3-5 - 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
December 6 – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Lift your holiday spirit! Come and enjoy a delightful, unique, whimsical, one-of-a-kind craft show featuring thousands of hand-crafted items from over 65 selected Northwest crafters. It's not your ordinary craft show! **Ages:** All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; craft items vary in price. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106. **Crafter application/information:** hilltop.crafts@frontier.com or 206-920-2957.

Dec 4 **Christmas Ship Festival,** 8:50 p.m. – 9:10 p.m.
Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE
Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to gather together to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir's presentation. All this, and a beach fire to keep you warm! **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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Dec 5 **What's Better than Recycling? Reducing and Reusing!,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Come learn about what you can do in your own home, day-to-day, to help reduce what ends up in your curbside bins. Learn about fun and useful "upcycle" projects, and make one of your own to take home. **Ages:** All ages; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, course 86612.

Dec 5 **Time to Hibernate (Children's Activity),** two sessions, choose one
11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
During the cold winter months many animals take a very long nap called "hibernation." Find out what animals get very sleepy in winter! We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course 86689 or 86690. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Dec 5 **Holiday Ball,** 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Come and enjoy a light meal and dancing at the annual Holiday Ball. This dance is for teens and adults living with intellectual disabilities. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** $9/resident and $11/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com , activity code 76733. **Info:** 425-452-7686.

Dec 6 **Lewis Creek Park Ranger Hike,** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Dec 6 **Volunteer for Hilltop Holiday Craft Show**, 5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
This is a great way to earn community service hours or to gain experience in working an event. Volunteers assist with event clean-up. **Ages:** 14 years and older. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course 86712. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Dec 7 **"Planet Earth: Pole to Pole" (Nature Movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:44 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Follow the sun as it touches the lives of creatures across the planet. This documentary will examine how seasons affect the Earth and produce spectacular events. Running time is 44 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Dec 7 **Ranger Program: Hibernation,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that many animals sleep through the winter? Join a park ranger and learn which animals do this, and why they sleep thorugh the cold!. **Ages:** All ages, we welcome families. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Dec 12-21 **"The Snow Queen" (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
December 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 7 p.m.;
December 14, 20 and 21 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Enjoy this delightful musical adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale. This timeless classic comes alive on the Bellevue Youth Theatre stage. You will want to bring the whole family. **Ages:** Suitable for all ages. **Cost:** $10/advance tickets or $12 if purchased after December 5. Tickets will be available in late September. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

Dec 13 **History of Lewis Creek Park,** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Have you ever wondered about how Lewis Creek came to be as you walk through the park? Lewis Creek has a rich history extending back into the 1800s. What signs of this history can you observe throughout the park? Discover the past of Lewis Creek, and what can still be seen today. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Dec 14 **Ranger Program: Hibernation,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that many animals sleep through the winter? Join a park ranger and learn which animals do this, and why they sleep thorugh the cold!. **Ages:** All ages, we welcome families. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Dec 14 **"March of the Penguins" (Children's Movie),** 2 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Follow along with Emperor penguins as they make an incredible journey through the harshest environment on Earth to lay their eggs. Running time is 80 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Dec 17 **Animal Enrichment – Happy Holidays to All,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This NEW program is for 8-10 year-olds on early release Wednesdays. Help Farmer Jayne create opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think and which activities animals need to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. **Ages:** 8 to 10 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688 to register for course 86956. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Dec 19 **Hibernation Pajama Party,** 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come learn about animals that hibernate, as well as other ways of surviving the winter. Make sure to bring your PJ's and a blanket or pillow as we settle in for the winter! ***Parents must register and attend with their child.*** **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course 86697. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Dec 20 **Lakemont Highlands Open Spaces Hike,** 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. Parks and open spaces guide you (and wildlife!) through friendly neighborhoods. **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Dec 22 **Christmas Ship Festival,** 8:25 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.
Meydenbauer Beach Park, 419 98th Avenue NE
Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to gather together to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir's presentation. All this, and a beach fire to keep you warm! **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Dec 26 **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Fortress of the Bears,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Admiralty Inlet in Southeast Alaska supports the largest concentration of bears anywhere in the world. These Alaskan brown bears are part of a unique circle of life that has played out here for centuries. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Dec 27 **Wild Tracks (Family Activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn about different signs of animals, and then take a walk through Lewis Creek looking for signs of wildlife: tracks, scat, rubbings, tunnels, etc. Each child will make and take home a plaster track! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course 86698. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Daily, times vary
Kelsey Creek Farm Pioneer Days
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Experience life in the 1800s by visiting our historic log cabin. Tour includes grinding wheat and coffee, turning butter, and other living history activities. These tours are for preschool and school groups. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size (up to $5 per person). **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Daily, times vary
Fall on the Farm – Group Tours
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Experience harvest season in a traditional way. Visit a pony, feed the chickens and work on barn "chores" with child-sized pails and rakes. Tour the garden and pumpkin patch. Children finish up by choosing a pumpkin from our harvest-themed indoor pumpkin patch! Extra fee for pumpkins. **Ages:** Preschool and school groups, 2 years and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size (up to $5 per person). **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

3rd Sunday of each month
NWRSA Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners, Noon - 2 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130th Place SE
Visitors invited to drop in and watch as spinners demonstrate the traditional art of hand spinning as they turn fuzzy fiber into yarn. New spinners welcome! **Register:** not required. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

Every Monday
Youth Link Marketing Committee, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-121, 450 110th Avenue NE
Learn marketing through hands-on training and activities! Marketing team members work on the Bellevue Patch, YouthConnect, an online youth publication, develop marketing materials for the program and develop other marketing strategies using social media. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or email palina@bellevuewa.gov .

Last Monday each month
Youth Link Teen Closet Distribution Event, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
World Impact Network, 2015 Richards Road
Teen Closet is a free clothing bank for teens and families in the Bellevue area. Individuals, families, and community groups interested in volunteering at the event can contact Patrick, Youth Link Program Coordinator, 425-452-5254, e-mail palina@bellevuewa.gov , or visit www.youthlink.com.

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Every Tuesday
2013 Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE
Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov .

Every Tuesday
2014 Youth Involvement Conference Planning Meeting, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-121, 450 110th Avenue NE
Help plan a biennial city-wide youth conference in Bellevue. Decide with other teens on selecting themes, workshops and speakers. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com .

4th Tuesday each month
Bellevue Youth Court, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Council Chambers
Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court with two juvenile court cases. **Info:** 425-452-2846 or hstephens@bellevuewa.gov .

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month
Bellevue Youth Council Meeting, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120
Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov .

1st Thursday each month
Bellevue Network On Aging Meeting, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120
Info: 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm.

Every Saturday
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Do you know the story behind the Phantom at Phantom Lake? Have you ever seen our feathered migratory visitors? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Discover the history of the park, view community gardens, and share stories about our local wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

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Mercer Slough Nature Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
At 320 acres, Mercer Slough Nature Park is Lake Washington's largest wetland and Bellevue's second largest park! Meet a Park Ranger at the Environmental Education Center for a free guided tour to learn about the fascinating flora, fauna and history of the park. Please dress for weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Every Saturday and Sunday, April through October
Docent-led Tour of Bellevue Botanical Garden, 2 p.m.
Meet at Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** 425-452-2750.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
Luncheon, Noon
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Adults 60 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. ***Suggested donation***: $3 for those 60 and older; fee of $5.95 for those under 60. Lunches sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches. **Info/Pre-register:** 425-452-7681.